Narcissistic Personality Disorder is a little known psychological disorder, often undiagnosed, in which the victim is seldom the one with the disease. Rather, it is the friends, relatives and spouses of narcissists that generally suffer their mental, physical and economic abuse.

Narcissists project a false image that enables them to exploit and manipulate the people in their lives. They live like vampires on the adulation of others, often escaping unscathed to pursue another victim, while leaving a wake of pain behind them.
According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - Fourth Edition, Narcissism is a personality disorder akin to histrionic and borderline personality disorders. It is characterized by a pervasive pattern of grandiosity (in fantasy or behavior), need for admiration, and lack of empathy, beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts, as indicated by five (or more) of the following:

1. has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g., exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements)
2. is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love
3. believes that he or she is "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions)
4. requires excessive admiration
5. has a sense of entitlement, i.e., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations
6. is interpersonally exploitative, i.e., takes advantage of others to achieve his or her own ends
7. lacks empathy: is unwilling to recognize or identify with the feelings and needs of others
8. is often envious of others or believes that others are envious of him or her
9. shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes

The Narcissist REVEALED
CHARACTERISTICS OF NARCISSISM

Narcissists contradict themselves. They will do this virtually in the same sentence, without even stopping to take a breath.

They're casually dishonest and cruel to other people.

Narcissists lack a mature conscience and seem to be restrained only by fear of being punished or of damaging their reputations. Their moral intelligence is about at the level of a bright five or six-year-old.

Narcissists are envious and competitive in ways that are hard to understand.

Narcissists are (a) extremely sensitive to personal criticism and (b) extremely critical of other people.

Narcissists are grandiose. They live in an artificial self-invented from fantasies of absolute or perfect power, genius, beauty, etc.

It's very hard to have a simple, uncomplicated good time with a narcissist.

Narcissists not only don't recognize the feelings and autonomy of others, they don't recognize their own feelings as their own.

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The Mechanism of Narcissistic Personality Disorder
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The Narcissist will treat you like an object as well, attaching to you when it suits their purposes and casting you off on a whim. The Narcissist lacks empathy, the capacity to understand the emotions of another individual. This is why they respond with anger and lies. They have nothing else to give.

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In reality they are filled with envy. Disappoint them and they will respond with anger and defiance. Confront them with their lies and they will turn the tables on you, exploiting your own insecurities and weaknesses.
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In essence they lack a core, an integrated personality. They may appear in control, self-satisfied and happy. Inside they are desperate self-hating people. They will do anything to fill the gaps in their humanity.

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IF YOU REMAIN WITH THE NARCISSIST

Be prepared to endlessly compromise.

Never disagree with the narcissist or contradict him.

Never offer him any intimacy.

Look awed by whatever attribute matters to him (for instance: by his professional achievements or by his good looks, or by his success with women and so on).

Never remind him of life out there and if you do, connect it somehow to his sense of grandiosity.

Do not make any comment, which might directly or indirectly impinge on his self-image, omnipotence, judgment, omniscience, skills, capabilities, professional record, or even omnipresence.